

Application No.: 10/797,049
Art Unit: 2875

Attorney Docket No. 24191.00
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REMARKS

By the present amendment, Applicant has amended the specification and Claims 1, 5, 7, and 10. Applicant has also canceled Claim 3 and added new Claims 12-20. Claims 1, 2, and 4-20 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1, 12, and 20 are independent.

In the recent Office Action the Examiner objected to the drawings as not containing a reference numeral discussed in the specification. The reference numeral has been deleted from the specification. It is submitted that this amendment overcomes the objection of record.

The Examiner objected to the specification and the claims due to informalities. These informalities have been corrected by amendment to the specification and the claims. It is respectfully submitted that the present amendment overcomes the objections of record.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 2, 6, 10, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rubenstein in view of Triglia, Day, and Chang. Claims 3-5 and 7-9 were indicated as allowable, such indication being appreciatively acknowledged by Applicant.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 3. New Claims 12 and 20 have been added to recite the subject matter of Claim 1 and allowable Claims 4 and 7, respectively. New Claims 13-19 depend from Claim 12 and correspond to Claims 5-11. It is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 1, 12, and 20 are allowable in that they contain subject matter indicated as allowable by the Examiner. It is further submitted that all claims dependent from independent Claims 1 and 12 are allowable.

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In view of the above amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If such is not the case, the Examiner is requested to kindly contact the undersigned in an effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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